

Positive in-migration has fueled Tooele County's population expansion since 1990. Many residents commute to jobs in Salt Lake County.

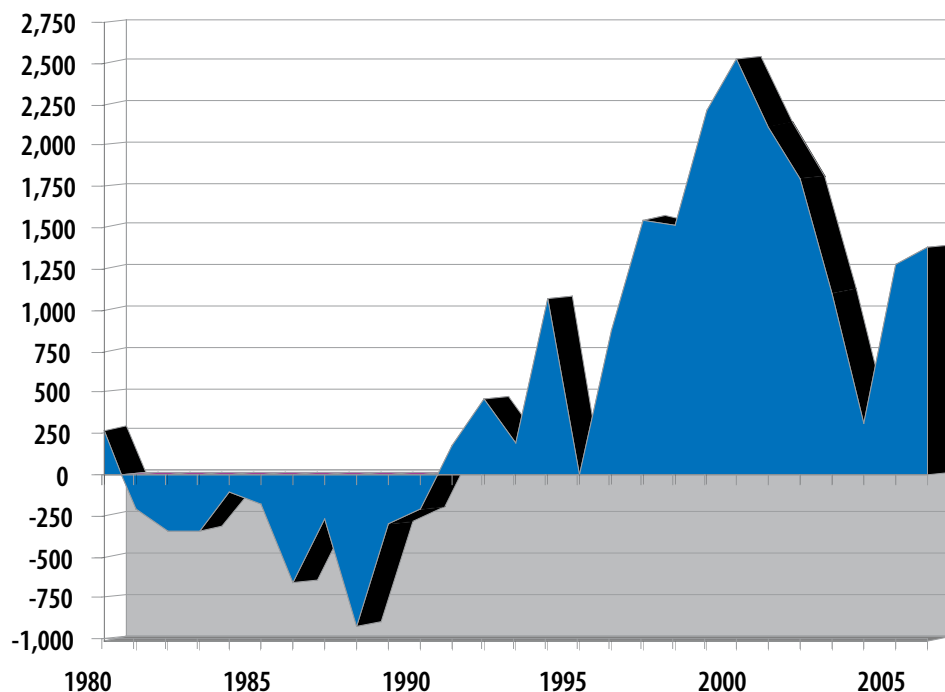
Because it's a close neighbor to Utah's capital city, Tooele County has been growing at a rapid pace and is becoming much more integrated with the larger metropolitan Salt Lake area. Since 2000, the county population has increased by 30.9 percent while payroll employment has grown by 32.6 percent. By way of comparison, population and job growth in Salt Lake County was 10.4 percent and 6.4 percent respectively over this same time period.

The 2000 Census confirmed that about 46 percent of employed Tooele County residents commuted outside the county to work. The county's largest cities are Tooele and Grantsville, each about a 40-minute commute to downtown Salt Lake City.

Traditionally, U.S. defense-related activities have been the dominant force behind economic activity in Tooele. The Tooele Army Depot and Dugway Proving Grounds continue to be among the county's largest employers. Several other large employers operate hazardous waste disposal facilities and mineral extractive operations from the Great Salt Lake. The county's largest private employer began operations in the spring of 2005—the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, a major warehousing and trucking facility in Grantsville. In the past year, the opening of the Miller Motorsports Park was a significant addition to the recreation industry. ⓘ

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## Tooele County Net Migration



Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee